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TO: Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers
Targeted Case Managers, DHS Service Workers, Title V Providers,
Central Point of Contact, Service Area Managers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Atypical Code Conversion Project Effective July 1, 2013

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2013

In accordance with direction from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) has completed a project converting all service codes that begin with a "W" to standardized codes. These "W" codes were previously used to bill waiver, habilitation, case management, and targeted case management services to the IME. This conversion affects the Individualized Services Information System (ISIS), Notices of Decision (NOD), and claims billed to the IME. This transition is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2013. Billing for dates of service prior to July 1, 2013, will still require the "W" code.

Notification Reports have been created for your HCBS or case management members. These authorizations are a result of the Atypical Conversion process. The Notification Report provides all the same information as a Notice of Decision (NOD), but instead combines all of your authorized services onto one report. Information on the report includes: member name, Medicaid member ID, billing code, description, units, rate, and effective dates.

These reports are available upon request. Requests may be emailed to imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us or by calling the IME Provider Services Unit at (800) 338-7909; locally in Des Moines at (515) 256-4609.

Contacts for the Atypical Conversion

For questions about the codes and modifiers to be used for the conversion, please refer to the IME website <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/AtypicalCode.html>.

If you have any questions regarding the authorized services, please contact the member's case manager or service worker directly.

For questions regarding claim form completion please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1- 800-338-7909 or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609.